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NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

Parties putting papers in my hand for execution will please advance the fees with the papers and they will receive prompt attention, otherwise they will be returned not executed for the want of fees.

D. E. BAIRD SHIFF.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Democrats, even those who are personally opposed to some of the changes made, are glad that the Senate Finance committee has at last got the tariff bill in a shape to make its passage by the Senate certain. It is really surprising, in view of the radical change made by taking sugar, iron ore, coal and lead ore from the free list and putting a duty upon them, that the Democrats of the House are not louder in their objections. But they regard the matter from a common sense point of view, knowing that the Democrats of the Senate Finance committee yielded nothing that it was not absolutely necessary to yield in order to get the votes necessary to pass the bill, and also that they will have another chance at the changes when the bill goes to conference after its passage by the Senate.

The Republicans of the Finance committee would like to waste a month or so by keeping the tariff bill in committee, but the Democrats will not allow any such time. If they will agree to have the bill reported in a week the Democrats will allow them that much time; if not the bill will be reported sooner without their consent.

Secretary Hebert's answer to the House resolution asking by what authority he ordered Admiral Skerrett to obey Mr. Blount when he went to Hawaii as Special Commissioner, was, in short, that it came from the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy—the President of the United States; and he cited seven precedents for the action, dating from 1823 to 1881.

Senator Blanchard assumed his new duties today and Justice White, his predecessor, was sworn in as a member of the Supreme Court. If Mr. Blanchard makes as good a reputation in the Senate as he leaves behind him in the House the people of Louisiana will doubtless ratify the selection of the Governor by keeping him there.

Representative Kilgore, of Texas, was not altogether wrong, although rather too general, when he said in the course of the debate on the District of Columbia appropriation bill, concerning the newspapers of Washington: "The newspapers of Washington have never failed to advocate any scheme, I don't care how infamous it was, that looked to the expenditure of the public money in the interest of speculators in and around the city. I never knew of an instance in which they did not advocate such schemes." In reply to a protest from Representative Blair of N. H., Mr. Kilgore continued: "Well, I make the distinct charge that the newspapers are corrupt and they advocate every corrupt scheme that has been introduced into Congress to plunder the Treasury in the interest of private interests."

Democrats in Congress are in thorough sympathy with the Departmental Congressional Commission which has been engaged for many months in looking into the business methods of the Government Departments, with a view to recommending changes looking to a reduction of unnecessary red tape and of unnecessary officials. Every recommendation of the Commission has been promptly acted upon by Congress, the last one—for abolishing the Bureau of Customs of the Treasury Department—having been passed by the House without an hour's discussion. Slowly but surely the results of thirty years of extravagance and favoritism cannot be overthrown in a day, or a year, but they will be overthrown in the end. This the Democrats are determined upon.

Senator McPerson has this to say about the charge that the sugar clause of the revised tariff bill gives the sugar trust and undue advantage: "As I drew the sugar schedule, I ought to know what it means, and I certainly know what it was intended to mean. The entire discriminating duty, according to my calculations, that refined sugar is accorded by the bill is sixteen-hundredths of one cent. Now, when you take into account the bounty paid by Germany for its exported sugar, and the fact that German sugar is shipped in bags which are not dutiable, and which can be used over and over again, it will be seen that the American refiner is given no advantage over his German competitors. In truth, the German exporter has one-hundredth of a cent per pound advantage over the American refiner after he has paid our import duty. Now, if any one disputes these figures of mine, and can show me where the American refiner receives any greater protection than I have stated, I will see that the bill is changed."

The Senate will vote upon the bill for the coinage of the seigniorage next Thursday. It will certainly pass. Public opinion is divided as to whether it will be vetoed, the majority inclining to the belief that it will be.

N. O. Chronicle: The house has not done all things wisely, nor even well; but the Democrats have passed through that body the bill repealing the Federal election law: the new tariff bill, with the income tax, and the Pland silver bill. For a time the appropriation bills must have the right of ways and then will come the great struggle over the repeal of the ten per cent tax.

A small bottle of camphor or a little alum and water will aid in drying up pimples that have been tampered with.

A teaspoonful of ammonia to one teaspoonful of water will clean jewelry.

SAD IF TRUE.

The St. Louis-Democrat has a dispatch from Wheeling W. Virginia stating that the police went to work on a case, and by evening had secured the following information, and had Harry Griffith under arrest for bigamy. Griffith met a Miss Peterson, of Sullivan, Ind., at Crawfordsville, Ind., about two years ago. He induced her to go with him and together they traveled as man and wife from town to town, he painting scenery. A little over a year ago a child was born to them. They settled in Martin's Ferry, he spending the summer and fall painting scenery for the opera house. In December last Griffith and this young woman and their child went to New York. Griffith installed his family in Jersey City and went to North Carolina. On January 3rd, at Lenoir, N. C. he was married to Miss Celina C. Coffey, daughter of a hotel keeper. With his new wife and \$50 of her money he went to Jersey City. Griffith sent his first love and baby on to Martin's Ferry, and with his new wife came to Wheeling by easy stages. Here he secured her money and watch, and had her draw \$175 she had in the bank at Lenoir, N. C. This he secured about four weeks ago. He then left for Martin's Ferry, only two miles away, saying he had a big contract, and joined his first family in their home on Walnut street. This morning was the first time his North Carolina wife has seen him since. She has been held at the hotel with a growing board bill, and her letters have been unanswered. She soon became convinced of Griffith's perfidy and signed the bigamy warrant. Griffith's first companion says they were never married, but the police think she is merely trying to shield him. Both women are beauties. No. 1 being pretty, with auburn hair, and No. 2 a stately blonde, with faultless form and face.—Bakersville Enterprise.

We Can and Must Get Together on Home Affairs.

However much Democrats may differ upon men and measures, there is no room for difference when we confront the question of Anglo-Saxon supremacy and a clean administration of our local affairs. The question is greater than Cleveland, Vance, Ransom or any other man. The people are not called upon to decide for the United States, but for North Carolina. We must keep it before them that the question which concerns them most is home affairs. What cause can be urged why the people of North Carolina should endanger their best interests by division this year? The record of the Democratic party in State affairs is one to which we can point with pride. It has given us a clean, honest and economical government. What more could be asked?—Webster's Weekly.

The Tariff Bill.

Washington, March 10.—A rough statement of the results of the experts figuring on the tariff bill is as follows: The estimated receipts from customs in the amended tariff bill as reported to the full Senate committee on finance, amount to \$165,900,000 in round figures. From internal revenue, including income tax, and the additional tax of 20 cents a gallon on whiskey as imposed by the Senate, the increased tax over the House rates on domestic cigars and cigarettes, and the tax on playing cards, it is estimated the receipts will amount to \$63,000,000. This \$63,000,000 of internal revenue tax is additional to the revenue derived from the sources at present rates, and will make the entire receipts from internal revenue as proposed by the amendments in the Senate bill \$229,000,000. Adding to this amount \$161,000,000 now received from other sources of internal revenue taxation under the present law, and \$21,000,000 from miscellaneous sources, gives \$411,000,000 as the probable net receipts under the bill as approved by the Democratic majority of the Senate finance committee against \$385,000,000 derived last year from the same sources of revenue under the McKinley act.

The Wilson bill as passed by the House carried an estimated deficit of \$73,000,000; the bill as reported to the finance committee of the Senate carries with it a deficit of \$32,000,000 only, a little less than half the deficit created by the House bill.—South ern Associated Press.

Vance Can't Talk.

Atlanta Constitution: A friend of Senator Vance, who chanced to meet him in Florida, tells a good one as coming from the distinguished North Carolina Senator.

"I am pining to go home," said the Senator, "and I would give anything if I could stop over in North Carolina on my way back to Washington."

"Why in the world don't you do it?" asked his friend. "It is impossible," said he. "I cannot do it. You see if I were to go back to North Carolina now some of my Democratic constituents would be sure to call on me to make a speech, and what in the devil could I say? No, I cannot stop in North Carolina. I will go back to Washington and take the night train through my State. I hope, however, that the situation will brighten sufficiently for me to return before many months."

We wonder when he can say anything. We wonder when the party is going to walk out of itself.

A man's finances are supposed to be in a healthy state when he has a corpulent pocketbook.

One dollar pays for the Democrat one year.

Signs and Wonders in Ireland.

A number of the colored people of Statesville have become impressed with the belief that the end of the world is near. Some of them have seen unusual signs in the heavens recently and many other incidents that tend to confirm this belief. As a result many of them are continuing long at prayer and have their lamps trimmed and burning, awaiting the summons, who is very devout on all occasions, asseverates that she rose up early one morning recently in order to have a season of prayer before beginning the day's duties, and that while engaged in her devotions she distinctly heard the word "Prepare." This she firmly believes was a warning from the other world.

Perhaps the colored brethren are right in getting themselves in ship-shape. With hens over in Lincoln county laying eggs with "Prepare Ye, the End is near" and "Hell is near" printed on them, and a pilgrim down at Greensboro seeing a scroll with the ten commandments on it (some skeptics have intimated that the pilgrim was drunk but they can't charge that on the hens) it may be that "sompin's gwyne ter happen."—Statesville Landmark.

Topic: The talented Representative in Congress from the eighth district, Hon. W. H. Bower, has so far made a fine record and there is scarcely a doubt but that he will receive the endorsement of the people for a second term. We are proud of him and the stand he has taken in Congress. He may have opposition, but it will amount to nothing. Speaking of Mr. Bower, a Washington correspondent of the Winston Sentinel says:—"Mr. Bower has been abused on account of trying too hard to keep from making mistakes in the recommendations for office, but he has been making such a faultless record here that no one can down him. It is generally admitted here that he has succeeded in getting more positions for his constituents than any new Congressman from the South who has had no Senator or cabinet officer to pull for them."

Well, Hardly.

Winston Republican: Prominent Western Republicans talk hopefully and confidently of party success in the Western counties. The Blue Ridge country is naturally Republican and all that is needed to redeem it and keep it in line is organization and harmony. Certainly by this time the "kickers" ought to be satisfied that Republican dissension means Democratic success. We must redeem the 8th and 9th districts. Organization, good candidates and work can accomplish it. The next fight in this State is a fight to death. To your tent O Israel!